

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendment of Claim 8 is found on page 3, lines 31-35, in the specification.

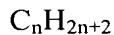
Claims 9-11 are amended to use proper antecedent basis to Claim 8.

No new matter will be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Claims 8-18 are active.

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 8-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is believed obviated by appropriate amendment. The term “hydrocarbon comprising more than 10 carbon atoms” in Claims 8 and 9 is herein replaced with “hydrocarbon mixture” and the term “hydrocarbon mixture” in Claim 8 is described as a mixture of long chain hydrocarbons of the formula:



wherein

n is an integer of from 13 to 15, and

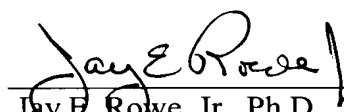
the mixture comprises a tetradecane of the formula $C_{14}H_{30}$ in an amount of at least 10 % by weight.

In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 8-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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